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Fee Transmittal Form



Fee Attached



Amendment/Reply



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Drawing(s)



Licensing-related Papers



Petition



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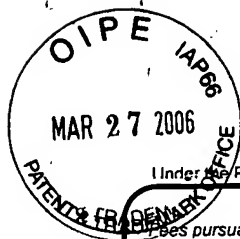
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FEE TRANSMITTAL

For FY 2005

☒ Applicant claims small entity status. See 37 CFR 1.27

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Attorney Docket No.	R122 1020.3

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Application Type	FILING FEES		SEARCH FEES		EXAMINATION FEES		Fees Paid (\$)
	Fee (\$)	Small Entity Fee (\$)	Fee (\$)	Small Entity Fee (\$)	Fee (\$)	Small Entity Fee (\$)	
Utility	300	150	500	250	200	100	
Design	200	100	100	50	130	65	
Plant	200	100	300	150	160	80	
Reissue	300	150	500	250	600	300	
Provisional	200	100	0	0	0	0	

2. EXCESS CLAIM FEES**Fee Description**

Each claim over 20 (including Reissues)

Fee (\$)	Small Entity Fee (\$)
50	25

Each independent claim over 3 (including Reissues)

200	100
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Multiple dependent claims

360	180
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Total Claims	Extra Claims	Fee (\$)	Fee Paid (\$)
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- 20 or HP = _____ x _____ = _____

HP = highest number of total claims paid for, if greater than 20.

Indep. Claims	Extra Claims	Fee (\$)	Fee Paid (\$)
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- 3 or HP = _____ x _____ = _____

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Multiple Dependent Claims

Fee (\$)	Fee Paid (\$)
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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:)
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 OTTERLEE, Timothy A.) Examiner: Vanaman, Frank Bennett
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) Art Unit: 3618
 Serial No.: 10/788,587)
)
) Conf. No.: 6842
 Filed: February 27, 2004)
)
 For: NESTABLE SHOPPING CARTS

ELECTION OF SPECIES

Mail Stop Amendment
Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed March 8, 2006, with a period for reply set to expire on April 8, 2006, Applicant hereby elects **Species III, illustrated in FIGS. 8-15**. Claims 1-22 read on the elected species.

It will be understood that this election is made without prejudice to the subject matter therein. Applicant reserves the right to file one or more continuing applications drawn to any non-elected species.

This response is being filed within the one-month time period for reply set forth in the Office Action. Accordingly, Applicant request that the examination and prosecution of this application be performed in an expedited manner. If the Examiner believes that there are any issues that can be resolved by telephone conference, or if there are any informalities that may be addressed by an Examiner's amendment, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at (404) 879-2437.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees due, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. **09-0528**.

Respectfully submitted,

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